THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) The number of persons killed in the terrorists action at Chittaranjan Park is 11 and the number of those injured is 8.

(b) to (d) In order to meet the increasing threat of terrorism, nearly 12,000 more posts and purchase of about 700 more vehicles for the Delhi Police have been sanctioned. Setting up of 25 more police stations including one at Chittaranjan Park, 12 police sub-divisions and 3 Police Districts have been approved. 100 pickets at strategic points, manned by personnel equipped with automatic weapons and wireless sets have been set up. Regular coordination meetings are held with the officers of the neighbouring States.

(e) The Delhi Administration have sanctioned payment of Rs. 20,000/- and a sum of Rs. 5000/- has been sanctioned from P.M. Relief fund to the next-of-kin of each person killed. A sum of Rs. 5000/- has been sanctioned for each those injured.

Child Labour in Diamond cutting Industries in Surat

355. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there has been an alarming rise in the employment of child labour in diamond cutting industries in Surat area; and

(b) if so, what measures Government have taken to curb employment of child labour in various diamond cutting industries?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI P. A. SANGMA): (a) Although Government is aware of the fact that child labour is employed in the diamond cutting industry in Surat, Gujarat, no reports have been received regarding any increase in the number of child workers in the said industry.

(b) The employment of children in the diamond cutting industry is not a prohibited employment under the Child Labour (Prohibition and Regulation) Act, 1986. However, under the National Child Labour Policy it is proposed to take up a project to deliver certain benefits and welfare facilities to the child workers engaged in the diamond cutting industry in Surat.

ILO Report on World Labour Situation

356. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether the International Labour Organisation in its World Report has observed that the world labour situation continued to deteriorate and presents a dark picture since 1980;

(b) if so, what was the observation as per the World Labour Report relating to Indian labour force, and

(c) what steps his Ministry has taken to protect the labour class on the basis of the observation made?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI P. A. SANGMA): (a) It has been stated in the Preface to the recent ILO World Labour Report, Volume 3 that:

"The world labour situation has deteriorated further since the first two volumes of the World Labour Report were published in 1984 and 1985. Real incomes from work, the principal source of income for most households, have fallen in many countries. The great majority of workers in sub-Saharan Africa and Latin America, both wage workers and the self-employed, have suffered a drop in real income of as much as 30 to 40 per cent or more since the beginning of the 1980s. This trend has also affected a smaller